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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR RAZAK-SUHARTO MEETING

REF: A. KL 4224

B. MANILA 10534

1. LOCAL ENGLISH AND MALAY LANGUAGE PRESS TODAY CONTAINS ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT FROM JAKARTA THAT PRIME MINISTER RAZAK WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN BALI ON SEPT 7 SUBSEQUENT TO SUHARTO-WHITLAM TALKS IN CENTRAL JAVA. MALAY-LANGUAGE DAILY "UTUSAN MALAYSIA" ALSO NOTES THAT RAZAK WILL LEAVE FOR BALI AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CABINET SEPT 5 OR 6. (NOTE: WE HAD EARLIER UNDERSTOOD FROM AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES THAT CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE THIS AFTERNOON, SEPT 4.)

2. LOCAL PRESS ALSO CARRIES INTL WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF ISLAMIC SECRETARY-GENERAL AL-TOHAMY'S "PLAN OF RECONCILIATION" FOR SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE DISSIDENCE (REF B), BUT WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENT AS TO MALAYSIAN VIEWS ON THIS LATEST INITIATIVE.

AL-TOHAMY VISIT TO KL AUG 28-29 WAS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, BUT ONLY TO EXTENT THAT AL-TOHAMY BRIEFED PM RAZAK ON GOP INTENTION TO SET UP SPECIAL RELIEF AGENCY FOR PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN AS YET NO OFFICIAL SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON EITHER RAZAK'S PROJECTED TALKS WITH SUHARTO OR ON AL-TOHAMY'S "PEACE" INITIATIVE. WHEN QUERIED ON THESE POINTS, ZAIN AZRAAI (RAZAK'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS AIDE) TOLD EMBOFF AUG 30 THAT RAZAK PLANNED VACATION IN BALI IN WAKE OF CANCELLATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND VISITS (REF A) AND THAT AL-TOHAMY'S TALKS WITH RAZAK WERE "FRIENDLY AND USEFUL." ON AL-TOHAMY'S VISIT, INDONESIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR VOLUNTEERED ONLY THAT GOM WAS "TAKEN BY SURPRISE" BY HIS QUICK DECISION TO COME TO KL. FROM LITTLE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER, IT CLEAR THAT ALL PARTNERS IN THIS ROUND-ROBIN ARE KEEPING DETAILS OF VISITS AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WRAPS, AT LEAST UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN SOME MATURATION OF CONCILIATION PROPOSALS.
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